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## **Photo ID for Voting**

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In Wisconsin, nearly all voters will need to present a photo ID to cast a vote in upcoming elections. There are limited exceptions to the requirement that voters present photo identification: absentee voters (who are in the military, live permanently overseas, or are classified as confidential elector), voters who are indefinitely confined, and voters who have spiritual beliefs that prevent them from being photographed. Individuals who do not fit into one of these limited exceptions will need to present acceptable photo identification.

What is acceptable photo ID for voting purposes? Acceptable ID that can be unexpired or expired after the most recent (currently 11/4/2014) general election:

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport
- An identification card issued by a federally-recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin (can be expired prior to most recent general election)

## **Acceptable ID that must be unexpired:**

- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- A driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. Also, the university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment.
- A citation or notice of intent to revoke or suspend a Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license that is dated within 60 days of the date of the election.

If you do not have acceptable photo identification for voting purposes, you need to obtain a Wisconsin State ID Card from the Division of Motor Vehicles office if you would like to vote and are not excepted from the law.